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THE IMMORTAL SOUL.

Vactor Hugo's Memorable Impromptu

tor Hugo in Paris some years cepted fact that he had reago, says L. Universe, he de-ceived his injuries in the war. livered an impromptu ad- Both arms had been taken off dress, in which he gave ex at the elbows, and both legs pression to his faith in the had been lost at the knees. infinite and the soul's im- He was turning the crank of on the porch reading, with a mortality, His friend, Hous the organ with an iron hook, shepherd dog by his side,

man of steel, with no sign of ing a sad old army hymn bull. In answer to a quesold age about him, but with on the organ, and the people tion, the old lady said that all the agility, the supleness, occasionally dropped coins in that part of the country was the ease and grace of his best to the small basket which a paradise for men and dogs, years." He was contradict- was placed on the top of the but a perfect hell for women ing the atheists, and his friend organ. says "his face was bright with Up the street came a tall.

chaos; the luminous force is an invisible atom, a drop in the ocean, a grain of sand on the shore. Little as I am, feel the God in me, because I can also bring forth out of my chaos. I make books which are creations; I feel in myself that tuture life; I am critical survey of the unfortu like a forest which has been nate man. more than once cut down; and livelier than ever.

"I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sun-snine with an intonation of satis is on my head. The earth faction in his voice. gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with der the old flag," said the the reflection of unknown man with the organ. worlds. You may say the soul is nothing but the re- was the reply. sult of bodily powers. Why, nous when my bodily powers you?" begin to fail? Winter is on the lilacs, the violets and the crowd. roses as at twenty years a go. The nearer I approach the end the plainer I hear around me the immortal syminvite me.

"It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale and it is historic. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse, history, philosophy, drama, exploded and raised clouds romance, tradition, satire, of dust that obscured everyode and song. I have tried thing in the vicinity for some all, but I have not said the moments. thousanth part of what is In this instance a few of us in me. When I go down to had watched the flight of a the grave I can say, like ma- shell, but the General saw the ny others, I have finished my bomb only a moment before day's work, but I can't say I it struck, and its windage have finished my life. My threw him to the ground. He days will begin again the was unhurt, and conscious next morning. The tomb is that time was precious before not a blind alley; it is a thor- the explosion had rolled nimoughfare. It closes on the self sufficiently away to estwilight to open on the cape the shock but not the dawn."

honest dealing -- that would an unlit cigar. be a good motto for a young "Logan," he said cheerily man to begin life with. You to that general, who in the speaking a word or taking a shirt hastened to him, "how dollar out of any man's pock can you keep so clean m such et. It is dishonest to slight a dusty place." your task; to be satisfied with The escape was followed by anything short of doing your another a few afternoons labest. The school boy who fer, when a shell landed by

The Watauga Democrat dure in eternity. - Cumberland Presbyterian.

A Story Told by a Drummer.

St. Paul Globe. In New York City one day last summer a poor man was sitting in the shade of a building playing a hand organ. He was terribly mutilated, and as his clothing was of saye, who was present, says: which he attached to stump while his mother was out in "Hugo at that time was a of right arm. He was play- the field plowing with a little

the heavenly halo and his military looking man with UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA eyes shone like burning coals. his left coat sleeve empty. 'There are no occult forces,' He looked at the man with he said; 'there are only lumi- the organ for a moment and brief courses, a large number nous forces. Occult force is then dropped a \$2 bill into of special courses, and in law the receptable for the money. God; this is enough for man, Before the organ player could give a word of thanks the minutes, however, he returnof the same denomination on the top of the organ after a

"I am sure you must have the new shoots are stronger been a soldier too," said the poor man.

"I was," replied the other,

"It was a glory to fight un

"I was on the other side,"

"Then why are you so kind then, is my soul more lumi- to a man who fought against

"Because you are the first my head and eternal spring d-d Yankee Ieversaw who is in my heart. There I breathe was trimmed right," and he at this hour the fragrance of at once disappeared in the

General Grant's Quick Perception.

One afternoon during the siege of Vicksburg General phonies of the worlds which Grant came sauntering on can, therefore, give you very foot toward the naval battery on Logan's front.

The place was known as the "shell basket," from the number of 10-mortar shells which dropped into the earth

earthly shower-from the dust of which he presently Honest work, honest words emerged in ently considering

may be dishonest without full bloom of a clean white

goes to his class with a lest the front pole of the awning son but half learned is laying before Logan's tent, and the foundation of a dishonest and eight generals. Grant habit. Thoroughness is hon among them, rolled hastily esty-faithful preparation for out of the shelter to meet un very work. Let your ambi-injured when the dust cleared los be to do work that will away from the recent place

The New York Hetald has spoken in complimentary terms of North Carolina's forestry and fisheries at the World's Fair. It also states that North Carolina has its own building there, which is a reproduction of the Tryon palace. We wish the latter part of the statement were At a dinner given to Vic- the army blue it was an ac- give us the credit for having true, but if outsiders want to the building, all well and good.-Ex.

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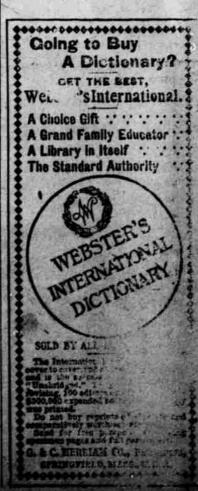
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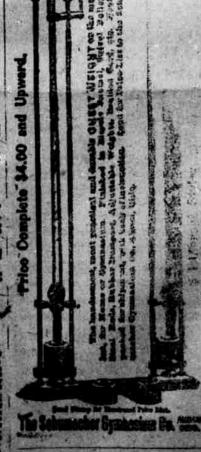
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